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POLREP - SPECIAL BULLETIN

BENSALEM DEUM DUMP

BENSALEM, PA.

ATTENTION: TOM MASSEY AND TIM FIELDS

- I. SITUATION (0900 HRS 8/15/85)
  - A. OSC AGAIN REQUESTED STATUS OF CONCURRENCE CHAIN
    AND APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED REMOVAL ACTION AT
    THIS EMERGENCY SITE.
  - B. THIS SITE REMAINS UNSECURED AND PRESENTS POTENTIAL

    FOR ACCESS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC INCLUDING CHILDREN

    LIVING IN THE VICINITY.
  - C. OSC IS PRESENTLY UNAVAILABLE DUE TO DIRECTING

    OPERATIONS ON 12 ON-GOING MAJOR AND MEDIUM

    OIL SPILLS IN THE VICINITY OF THE ALLEGHENY NATIONAL

    FOREST UNDER THE FOLLOWING PROJECT NUMBERS:

PIC# 1-5-0025

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PIC# 1-5-0030

PIC# 1-5-0031

PIC# 1-5-0035

PIC# 1-5-0037

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PIC# 1-5-0048

HOLDING THE "ACTION MEMO" SINCE NO OTHER OSC IS

AVAILABLE. REGIONAL MANAGEMENT (FERDAS, WASSERSUG)

INFORMED OF PLIGHT OF EXTREMELY HEAVY EMERGENCY

WORKLOAD IN REGION III, AND THE UNAVAILABILITY OF

TRAINED OSC'S TO HANDLE THESE SITUATIONS.

FURTHER, COLEEN CARRUTHERS, EFA HEADQUARTERS, BRIEFED BY TOM MASSEY ON THE ENTIRE REGION III SITUATION.

E. OSC WILL NOT TAKE ANY FURTHER ACTION ON THIS SITE UNTIL ADVISED.

ROGER L. MEYER, OSC

USEPA, REGION III

SPILLSEPA WSH

EPAOHM PHA POLREP SA 2 CERCLA EMERGENCY REMOVAL BENSALEM DRUM DUMP BENSALEM, BUCKS COUNTY, PA.

ATTENTION: TOM MASSEY AND TIM FIELDS

- SITUATION ( 2200 HRS 6/19/86)
  - A. DRUMS AND CONTAMINATED SOIL REMAIN ON SITE AWAITING DISPOSAL.
  - B. DISPOSAL PENDING UNTIL ADDITIONAL FUNDING IS AVAILABLE. C. SECURITY GUARD REMAINS ON SITE FOR 24 HOUR SECURITY.
- ACTIONS TAKEN
  - A. ON 6/18/86 SECURITY GUARD NOTIFIED OSC THAT A COVER HAD BLOWN OFF OF A PILE OF CONTAMINATED SOIL. AT 1320 HRS, OSC NOTIFIED OHM TO SEND A TWO PERSON WORK CREW TO RECOVER THE PILE ON THE MORNING OF 6/19/86. OHM REQUESTED TO HAVE THE CREW GO OUT ON THE EVENING OF 6/18/86 AT THE REGULAR PAY RATE INSTEAD OF THE OVER TIME RATE FOR THEIR CONVENIENCE. OSC AGREED TO THIS OHM REQUEST.
  - B. AT 1530 HRS, 6/19/86, OSC ON SITE WITH NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC FILM CREW, TOM MASSEY, CHIEF, ERS, DR. LAFORNARA, ERT AND OTHER EPA AND TAT PERSONNEL TO PERFORM SOIL GAS MONITORING AND DETERMINE THE CONDITION OF THE DRUMS STORED ON SITE SINCE THEIR STAGING DURING SITE ACTIVITIES IN MARCH.
  - C. OSC DISCOVERED THAT THE OHM CREW THAT HAD BEEN ON SITE ON 6/18/86 HAD TAKEN THE KEY TO THE STAGING AREA WHEN THEY LEFT THE SITE, NECESSITATING THE REMOVAL OF THE GATE IN ORDER TO GAIN ACCESS TO THE STORED DRUMS.
  - D. OSC/ERT MADE ENTRY AND MONITORED THE ATMOSPHERE UNDER THE PLASTIC COVERING OVER THE DRUMS WITH A HNU AND TIP PRIOR TO REMOVING THE COVERING. LEVELS OF VAPOR IN EXCES OF 200 PPM WERE FOUND UNDER THE COVERING.
  - E. SOIL GAS SAMPLING WAS PERFORMED ACCROSS THA CAPPED AREA. A - 15 PPM LEVEL WAS FOUND AT ONE LOCATION.
  - F. NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC FILMED THESE ACTIVITIES AS PART OF THEIR DOCUMENTARY ON HAZARDOUS WASTE THAT IS BEING PREPARED FOR
  - AIRING ON PUBLIC TV LATER THISS FALL.
    ERT (DR. LAFORNARA) AND OSC ARE EXTREMELY CONCERNED OVER THE HIGH LEVELS OF VAPORS FOUND ON SITE, ENCLOSED UNDER THE COVERING OVER THE STORED DRUMS. IF THESE LEVELS PERSIST, THEY COULD CONSTITUTE A PUBLIC HEALTH RISK AND A RISK OF FIRE AND EXPLOSION.
  - H. OSC IS EXTREMELY CONCERNED OVER THE VAPOR HAZARDS ON SITE THAT CANNOT BE ADDRESSED DUE TO LACK OF FUNDING.
- III. FUTURE PLANS
  - A. OSC REQUESTS ADVICE AND GUIDANCE CONCERNING POTENTIAL RISKS
  - REMAINING ON SITE DUE TO LACK OF FUNDING FOR DISPOSAL. B. OSC AWAITS ANALYTICAL RESULTS OF SOIL GAS SAMPLE AND VAPOR SAMPLES TAKEN FROM UNDER DRUM COVERING.
  - C. SECURITY GUARD WILL REMAIN IN PLACE UNTIL DISPOSAL CAN BE EFFECTED.

ROGER L. MEYER, OSC USEPA, REGION III

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TO: 7106700716

SPECIAL BULLETIN BENSALEM DRUM DUMP

BENSALEM. PA. ATTENTION: TOM MASSEY AND TIM FIELDS

I. SITUATION (1500 HRS 8/7/85)

A. DUE TO LACK OF AVAILABLE OSC, TOM MASSEY, CHIEF EMERGENCY RESPONSE SECTION, WILL HOLD THE ACTION MEMO FOR THIS SITE.

B' PENDING AN OSC BECOMING AVAILABLE ACTION MEMO WILL BE FORWARDED FOR FUNDING APPROVAL. ROGER L. MEYER. OSC

USEPA. REGION III

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SPILLSEFA WSH POLREP 7 BENSALEM DRUM DUMP POTENTIAL EMERGENCY REMOVAL BENSALEM, PA.

ATTENTION: TOM MASSEY AND TIM FIELDS

- I. SITUATION (1600 HRS 4/29/85)
  - A. SITE REMAINS UNFENCED AND UNSECURED WITH UNRESTRICTED ACCESS TO CONTAMINATED SOIL AND DRUMS.
- II. ACTIONS TAKEN
  - A. OSC CONTINUING IN EFFORTS TO ACQUIRE FUNDING TO UNDERTAKE AN EMERGENCY REMOVAL AT THIS SITE.
- III. FUTURE PLANS
  - A. OSC AWAITING APPROVAL OF ACTION MEMO TO FUND THIS EMERGENCY REMOVAL ACTIVITY.

ROGER L. MEYER, OSC JUSEPA, REGION III

SFILLSEFA WSH

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SPILLSEPA WSH
POLREP 6
BENSALEM DRUM DUMP
POTENTIAL EMERGENCY REMOVAL
BENSALEM. FA.

ATTENTION: TOM MASSEY AND TIM FIELDS

- I. SITUATION (1600 HRS 4/18/85)
  - TO CONTAMINATED SOIL AREAS AND DRUMS.

    B LAND CLEARING AND GRADING OPERATIONS BEING UNDERTAKEN BY

A. SITE REMAINS UNFENCED AND UNSECURED WITH UNRESTRICTED ACCESS

- B. LAND CLEARING AND GRADING OPERATIONS BEING UNDERTAKEN BY PROPERTY OWNER. OSC CONCERNED THAT THIS ACTIVITY MAY CAUSE AN UNCONTROLLED RELEASE OF HAZARDUS MATERIAL TO THE ENVIRONMENT.
- II. ACTIONS TAKEN
  - A. OSC ACCOMPANIED ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL (MARY LETZKUS) ON A TOUR OF THE BENSALEM DRUM DUMP PROPERTY ON 4/18/85.
  - B. DURING TOUR, HNU VAPOR READINGS IN EXCESS OF 2000 PPM WERE FOUND ABOVE ONE DRUM ON SITE. READINGS OF UP TO 5 PPM WERE FOUND IN THE AMBIENT AIR AT VARIOUS PLACES ON SITE.
- III. FUTURE FLANS
  - A. OSC AWAITING AFFROVAL OF FUNDING DOCUMENT.

ROGER L. MEYER, OSC USEFA, REGION III 86<u>POLREP 5</u>
<u>BENSALEM DRUM DUMP</u>
POTENTIAL EMERGENCY REMOVAL
BENSALEM, PA.

SPILLSEPA WSH

ATTENTION: TOM MASSEY AND TIM FIELDS

I. SITUATION (1500 HRS. 4/16/85)

A. 10 POINT FUNDING DOCUMENT BEING REWRITTEN INTO NEW FORMAT.

B. OSC ANTICIPATES 1 WEEK DELAY IN RESUBMISSION FO 10 POINT DOCUMENT TO CONCURRENCE CHAIN.

II. ACTIONS TAKEN

A. 10 POINT DOCUMENT BEING REWRITTEN TO CONFORM TO NEW FORMAT REQUIREMENTS.

III. FUTURE PLANS

A. OSC WILL RESUBMIT 10 POINT DOCUMENT TO CONCURRENCE CHAIN UPON COMPLETION UNDER NEW FORMAT.

ROGER L. MEYER, OSC USEPA, REGION III

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ORIGINAL.

ATTENTION: TOM MASSEY AND TIM FIELDS

- I. SITUATION (1600 HRS 4/10/85)
  - A. OSC ISSUED ORAL NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS REQUESTING IMMEDIAT CLEAN UP OF SURFACE CONTAMINATION AND POSSIBLY BURIED MATERIAL TO ELIMINATE THE PUBLIC HEALTH THREAT.
    - B. OSC ISSUED WRITTEN NOTICE TO BE DELIVERED TO PROFERTY OWNERS CONFIRMING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE ORAL NOTICE.
    - C. THE SITE REMAINS UNFENCED AND UNSECURED AFFORDINT THE POTENTION FOR DIRECT CONTACT BY CHILDREN FLAYING IN THIS AREA.
- II. ACTIONS TAKEN
  - A. OSC MADE FRELIMINARY CORRECTIONS TO THE 10 FOINT FUNDING DOCUMENT AND RESUBMITTED IT TO THE CONCURRENCE CHAIN FOR FUNDING APPROVAL.
  - B. CDC (DR: MCCLANAHAN) CERTIFIES THAT THIS SITE PRESENTS A POTENTIAL HUMAN HEALTH THREAT.
- III. FUTURE FLANS
  - A. OSC AWAITING APPROVAL OF 10 POINT FUNDING DOCUMENT.

ROGER L. MEYER, OSC USEPA, REGION III

# POLREP 3 BENSALEM DRUM DUMP FOTENTIAL EMERGENCY REMOVAL BENSALEM, PA.

ATTENTION: TOM MASSEY AND TIM FIELDS

- I. SITUATION ( 1600 HRS 4/8/85 )
  - A. ANALYTICAL RESULTS FROM PREVIOUS SAMPLING SHOW EXTREMELY HIGH LEVELS OF HEAVY METALS IN SOILS AND DRUM SAMPLES.
  - B. SITE REMAINS UNSECURED AND UNFENCED WITH EVIDENCE OF CHILDREN FLAYING AMONG THE LEAKING, DETERIORATED DRUMS.
  - C. 10 POINT FUNDING DOCUMENT PRESENTLY AWAITING INCLUSION OF ENFORCEMENT STRATEGY.

## II. ACTIONS TAKEN

- A. OSC SUBMITTED NOTIFICATION OF INTENT TO REQUEST FUNDING TO ENFORCEMENT SECTION ON 3/29/85.
- B. OSC SUBMITTED DRAFT 10 POINT DOCUMENT TO ENFORCEMENT SECTION ON 4/5/85.
- C. OSC CONCERNED OVER LIABILITY IN CASE INJURY TO CHILDREN SHOULD OCCUR WHILE 10 POINT DOCUMENT IS BEING PASSED THROUGH CONCURRENCE CHAIN OR AWAITING ENFORCEMENT SECTION.

#### III. FUTURE PLANS

A. OSC AWAITING APPROVAL OF 10 POINT FUNDING DOCUMENT.

ROGER L. MEYER, OSC USEFA, REGION III

### ORIGINAL

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POLREP 2 BENSALEM DRUM DUMP FOTENTIAL REMOVAL PROJECT BENSALEM, PA

ATTENTION: TOM MASSEY AND TIM FIELDS

- I. SITUATION ( 1800HRS 3/6/85 )
- A. SITE REMAINS UNSECURED ALONG THE BANK OF MILL CREEK.
  - B. LOCAL RESIDENTS CLAIM KNOWLEDGE OF BURIED DRUMS AND SLUDGE UNDER OBVIOOUS FILL MATERIAL.
  - C. OSC OBSERVED SEVERAL SEEPS LEADING INTO MILL CREEK INDICATING POSSIBLE LEAKING BURIED MATERIAL.
- II. ACTIONS TAKEN
  - A. AT THE DIRECTION OF THE OSC, TAT MADE A SITE ASSESSMENT OF THE AREA TO BE KNOWN AS THE BENSALEM DRUM DUMP. DURING THE ASSESSMENT AND SAMPLING, NUMEROUS SOLIDIFIED SPILLS WERE OBSERVED.
  - B. TAT OBTAINED 9 SAMPLLES DURING THE ASSESSMENT WHICH ARE TO BE SENT TO AN INDEPENDENT LABORATORY UTILIZING SPECIAL PROJECTS FUNDING. PROPER CUSTODY PROCEDURES WERE MAINTAINED ON ALL SAMPLES.
  - C. PHOTO DOCUMENTATION OF SITE WAS PERFORMED BY TAT.
  - D. DRUMS WERE SEEN LYING ON THE BANK OF MILL CREEK AND PROTRUDING FROM THE FACE OF A FILL AREA ADJACENT TO MILL CREEK.
- III. FUTURE PLANS
  - A. AWAIT ANALYTICAL RESULTS.
  - B. CONTINUE RESEARCHING SITE HISTORY TO OBTAIN A LIST OF POSSIBLE DUMPED MATERIALS.
  - C. CONTINUE TO QUARRY LONG-TERM RESDENTS AND/OR FORMER EMPLOYEES TO DETERMINE LOCATION OF ALLEGEDLY BURIED MATERIAL.

ROGER L. MEYER, OSC US EPA, REGION III TLX II RECV CONNECTED >18-Mar-86, 15:06, 53

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ATTN TOM MASSEY AND TIM FIELDS

POLREF 10 CERCLA EMERGENCY REMOVAL <u>BENSALEM DRUM DUMP</u>, BENSALEM, BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA.:

#### I. SITUATION (1600 HOURS 3/17/86)

- A. DUE TO NO RESPONSE BEING MADE BY PRP INDICATING THEY WILL CARRY OUT THE NECESSARY WORK, THE OSC HAS DIRECTED THAT WORK WILL BEGIN UNDER CERCLA AUTHORITY AT 0800 HOURS, 3/17/86.
- B. DRUMS REMAIN ON SITE IN DETERIORATED. AND LEAKING CONDITION, SHOWING NO EVIDENCE OF WORK HAVING BEEN DONE BY PRP'S SINCE THE ORIGINAL NOTICE LETTERS WERE SENT OUT IN APRIL, 1985.
- C. LOCAL MEDIA INTEREST IS HIGH (BUCKS COUNTY COURIER REPORTER AND PHOTOGRAPHER ON SITE).
- D. NOTICES WERE SENT TO ALL CURRENT
  OWNERS AS INDICATED BY ENFORCEMENT
  INVESTIGATION VIA CERTIFIED MAIL. NO
  POSITIVE RESPONSES WERE RECEIVED BY
  THE QSC EITHER DIRECTLY OR THROUGH
  OFFICE OF REGIONAL COUNCIL (LIDIA
  ISELES).

# II. ACTIONS TAKEN

- A. ERT (DR HARRY ALLEN, BOB CIBULSKIS)
  ON SITE TO ASSESS THE POTENTIAL FOR
  INSITU OR ON SITE TREATMENT OF
  CONTAMINATED SOIL AND DRUMMED
  MATERIALS:
- B. ERCS MOBILIZED ON SCENE 0830 HOURS 3/17/86. SITE SET-UP (DECON, COMMAND POST, ET CETERA) COMMENCED 0900 HOURS AFTER SAFETY MEETING.
- C. OSC/TAT MET WITH JACK MAHER (CHAIRMAN BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, BENSALEM TOWNSHIP) TO ADVISE OF SITE ACTIVITIES.
- D. OSC/TAT MET WITH CAPTAIN ROBINSON (BENSALEM POLICE DEPARTMENT) TO NOTIFY OF FENDING SITE ACTIVITY.
- E. OSC IMPLEMENTED PERIMETER AIR MONITORING PROGRAM.
- F. USCG/AST ON SITE 1400 HOURS WITH MOBILE COMMAND FOST TO BE USED DURING START-UF OPERATIONS.
- G. OSC SPOKE WITH GEORGE DANELEAU (PADER) TO COORDINATE SITE ACTIVITIES.

# III. FUTURE PLANS

- A. USCG/AST WILL PERFORM SITE SAFETY AND CONTRACTOR MONITORING.
- B. TAT TO PERFORM AIR MONITORING AND COST DOCUMENTATION CONTROL.
- C. OSC TO CONTINUE TO COORDINATE ALL ACTIVITIES WITH STATE AND LOCAL OFFICIALS.
- D. FETE BENTLEY (OPA) TO BE ON SITE
  3/18/86.

ROGER L MEYER, OSC USEPA REGION III

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SPILLSEPA WSH
POLREP 9
BENSALEM DRUM DUMF
EMERGENCY CERCLA REMOVAL
BENSALEM, PA.

ATTENTION: TOM MASSEY AND TIM FIELDS

# I. SITUATION (1600 HRS 3/13/86)

- A. OSC IS EXTREMELY CONCERNED OVER THE INADAQUATE FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR THIS PROJECT AND REQUESTS ADVICE AND GUIDANCE CONCERNING OBTAINING THE FUNDS NECESSARY TO COMPLETE THIS EMERGENCY REMOVAL ACTION WITHOUT UNDUE DELAY WHICH COULD CAUSE AN ADDITIONAL HAZARDOUS SITUATION.
- B. NO REPLY WAS RECIEVED BY THE OSC OR BY REGIONAL COUNSEL ON THIS DATE FROM THE PRPS INVOLVED AS REQUIRED BY THE NOTICE LETTER, INDICATING THAT THE PRP WOULD INITIATE ACTION AT THIS SITE TO ELIMINATE THE IMMINENT AND SUBSTANTIAL THREAT TO HUMAN HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT.
- C. DUE TO THIS LACK OF ACTION BY THE PRP, THE OSC WILL BEGIN EMERGENCY CLEANUP ACTIONS AT 0800 HRS, 3/17/86, AS STATED IN THE NOTICE LETTER.

#### II. ACTIONS TAKEN

- A. OSC HAS COORDINATED PRELIMINARY SITE PREPARATION ACTIONS THRU O.H. MATERIALS AND THE BENSALEM TOWNSHIP AUTHORITIES.
- B. OSC HAS NOTIFIED PADER OF THE IMPENDING CERCLA REMOVAL ACTION AND REQUESTED THEIR ASSISTANCE ON SITE.
- C. OSC HAS REQUESTED ON SITE ASSISTANCE FROM THE USCG/AST FOR DOCUMENTATION AND SITE SAFETY DUTIES.
- D. OSC HAS REQUESTED ASSISTANCE FROM ERT TO EVALUATE ALL AVAILABLE ALTERNATIVES FOR ON SITE TREATMENT OF CONTAMINATED SOIL AND DRUMMED HAZARDOUS WASTE.
- E. OSC IS COORDINATING ALL RP COOREFONDENCE THRU REGIONAL COUNSEL (LIDIA ISALES) TO ASSURE THAT ALL REQUIREMENTS OF NOTIFICATION AND OWNERSHIP DOCUMENTATION ARE MET. ALL RP IDENTIFICATION WORK IS BEING COORDINATED THRU CERCLA ENFORCEMENT (VIC JANOSIK)

# III. FUTURE FLANS

- A. ON SITE WORK IS TO COMMENCE AT 0800 HRS, 3/17/86.
- B. SITE MONITORING, DOCUMENTATION, AND SITE SAFETY DUTIES WILL BE CARRIED OUT BY USCG/AST AND TAT.
- C. PRESS RELEASE AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS PLAN ARE BEING PREPARED BY REGION III OFFICE OF FUBLIC AFFAIRS.

ROGER L. MEYER, OSC USEPA, REGION III

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SPILLSEPA WSH
POLREP 8
BENSALEM DRUM DUMP
BENSALEM, PA.
EMERGENCY CERCLA REMOVAL

ATTENTION: TOM MASSEY AND TIM FIELDS

- I. SITUATION (2/24/86 1500 HRS)
  - A. ACTION MEMO APPROVED BY RA ON 2/14/86. RECIEVED BY OSC ON 2/21/86.
  - B. DRUMS REMAIN ON SURFACE IN DETERIORATED CONDITION.

#### II. ACTIONS TAKEN

- A. OSC/TAT WILL PERFORM A REASSESSMENT OF THIS SITE DUE TO THE EXTREME LENGTH OF TIME REQUIRED TO PASS THROUGH CONCURRENCE CHAIN.
- B. OSC NOTIFIED BY TAT THAT PROPERTY WAS PURCHASED TWO WEEKS AGO BY MR. SARKISIAN.: OSC REQUESTED REGIONAL COUNSEL (KERMIT RADER) AND ENFORCEMENT SECTION (MARY LETZKUS) TO NOTIFY NEW ... PROPERTY OWNER AND ATTEMPT TO GET RP CLEANUP.
- C. OSC NOTIFIED USCG/AST OF PENDING ACTIVITY BEGINNING 3/17/86.
- D. OSC NOTIFIED OHM OF PENDING ACTIVITY BEGINNING 3/17/86.

#### III. FUTURE PLANS

- A, OSC WILL COORDINATE ACTIVITIES WITH PADER, BUCKS COUNTY HEALTH DEPT., AND BENSALEM TOWNSHIP.OFFICIALS.
- B. SITE WORK TO COMMENCE 0800 HRS, 3/17/86.
- C. SITE SAFETY AND CONTRACTOR MONITORING ACTIVITIES WILL BE CARRIED OUT BY USCS/AST.

ROGER L. MEYER, OSC USEPA, REGION III

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SPILLSEPA WSH
POLREP 1
GALLOWY ROAD DRUM DUMP
BENSALEM, PA.
POTENTIAL SUPERFUND REMOVAL

ATTENTION: TOM MASSEY AND TIM FIELDS

- I. SITUATION (1300 HRS 3/5/85)
  - A. DURING AN EMERGENCY REMOVAL UNDER SECTION 311 ON MILL CREEK, BENSALEM, PA., DRUMS WERE NOTICED PROTRUDING FROM A FILL AREA ADJACENT TO THE CREEK.
  - B. OSC INVESTIGATED AND DISCOVERED THAT THIS PROPERTY WAS FORMERLY THE SITE OF A DRUM RECLAIMATION OPERATION.
  - C. OSC/TAT INVESTIGATED PROPERTY OWNERSHIP. PROPERTY OWNER WAS IDENTIFIED AS MR. VAN DESSBURAYUN, WHO PURCHASED THE PROPERTY FROM THE FIRST PENNSYLVANIA BANK.
  - D. OSC CONTACTED PROPERTY OWNER AND OBTAINED PERMISSION TO ENTER THE PROPERTY FOR THE PURPOSE OF A PRELIMINARY SITE ASSESSMENT.

#### II. ACTIONS TAKEN

- A. ON 3/5/85, OSC/TAT PERFORMED A PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION OF THE SITE.
- B. 150 DRUMS WERE VISIBLE ON THE SURFACE THROUGHOUT A WOODED AREA AND LYING ON THE BANK OF MILL CREEK. MANY OF THE DRUMS WERE DETERIORATED AND HAD SPILLED THEIR CONTENTS ONTO THE GROUND.
- C. DUE TO HIGH WINDS, AN ACCURATE ASSESSMENT OF AIRBORNE CONTAMINATION COULD NOT BE MADE. READINGS OF 1 PPM WERE OBTAINED WITH HNU PHOTOIONIZATION DETECTOR.

#### III. FUTURE PLANS

- A. ADDITIONAL ASSESSMENT INCLUDING SAMPLING TO BE SCHEDUELED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
- B. TAT TO PROVIDE LABORATORY SUPPORT.
- C. ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND SEARCH TO BE CARRIED OUT.

ROGER L. MEYER, OSC USEPA, REGION III

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CLEAR PL	ASTIC WAS	STILL IN PLACE	<b>≤</b> .

BENSALEM DRUM DUMP BENSALEM, BUCKS CO., PA. CERCLA EMERGENCY REMOVAL

ATTN: TIM FIELDS AND MIKE ZICKLER

SPECIAL BULLETIN - PROJECT STATUS

- I. SITUATION (1200 HOURS, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30, 1987)
- A. CERCLA EMERGENCY REMOVAL ACTIONS COMPLETED 7/86.
- B. OSC OF RECORD, ROGER MEYER, NO LONGER WITH EPA ERS.
- C. OSC REPORT RESUBMITTED FOR PRINTING BY OSC VINCENT ZENONE.
  FIRST PRINTING WAS INCORRECT. OSC HAS EXPRESSED CONCERN OF
  EXCESSIVE LENGTH OF TIME FOR REPRINTING.
- II. FUTURE PLANS
- A. DISTRIBUTE OSC REPORT TO RRT UPON RECEIPT FROM PRINT SHOP.
- B. FINAL SPECIAL BULLETIN--NO FURTHER SPECIAL BULLETINS TO BE ISSUED.

VINCENT ZENONE, OSC EPA REGION III PHILA., PA To: T. MASSEY (EPA9374)

From: T.MASSEY (EPA9374) Posted: Wed 23-July-86 15:18 EDT Sys 63 (75)

Subject: BENSALEM POLREP 32

POLREP 32
CERCLA EMERGENCY REMOVAL
BENSALEM DRUM DUMP
BENSALEM, BUCKS COUNTY, PA

ATTN: TOM MASSEY AND TIM FIELDS ...

- I. SITUATION (7/18/86 1600 HRS)
  - A. ALL KNOWN CONTAMINANTS HAVE BEEN REMOVED THIS DATE FOR FINAL DISPOSAL.
  - B. MR. MODI (PROPERTY OWNER) ON-SITE FOR VISUAL INSPECTION. HE RECEIVED A COPY OF THE ENFORCEMENT SITUATION REPORT THAT HE HAD REQUESTED.
  - C. EPA, TAT AND ERCS DEMOBILIZED SITE OPERATIONS UPON CLOSE OF IMMEDIATE REMOVAL ACTIONS AND SITE STABILIZATION MEASURES.
  - D. ESTIMATED COSTS TO DATE: (7/18/86)

ERCS- \$262.0K

EPA- \$ 3.0K

TAT- \$ 20.2K

USCG- \$ 14.2K

TOTAL- \$299.4K

E. PERSONNEL ON-SCENE:

ERCS- 7

EPA- 1

TAT- 2

USCG- o

PADER- 0

F. WEATHER- SUNNY, HUMID, HIGH'S IN MID 90'S.

- A. FINAL STAGED DRUM OF MISCELLANEOUS PCB MATERIAL LOADED AND MANIFESTED AND SENT FOR FINAL DISPOSAL.
- B. OSC DEMOBILIZED ALL PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT AS OF 1400 HRS 7/18/86.
- C. SITE STABILIZATION COMPLETED WITH THE PLACEMENT OF TOPSOIL AND GRASS SEED ON THE CLAY CAP AREA AND STAGING AREA.
- D. TAT PROVIDED SITE SAFETY MONITORING, COST TRACKING AND PERIMETER AIR MONITORING.

#### III. FUTURE PLANS

- A. OSC TO BEGIN FINAL OSC REPORT.
- B. OSC AWAITING RETURN COPY OF MANIFESTS FROM APPROPRIATE DISPOSAL FACILITIES.

ROGER L. MEYER, OSC USEPA REGION III PHILADELPHIA, PA. To: T. MASSEY (EPA9374)

From: T.MASSEY (EPA9374) Posted: Mon 21-July-86 11:20 EDT Sys 63 (78)

Subject: BENSALEM POLREP 31

POLREP 31 CERCLA EMERGENCY REMOVAL BENSALEM DRUM DUMP BENSALEM, BUCKS COUNTY, PA

ATTN: TOM MASSEY AND TIM FIELDS

- I. SITUATION (7/17/86 1600 HRS)
  - A. REMOVAL OF ALL WASTE MATERIAL COMPLETED EXCEPT FOR ONE DRUM OF MISCELLANEOUS PCB MATERIAL TO BE REMOVED ON 7/18/86.
  - B. FENCING TO REMAIN INTACT AND ON-SITE AT THE REQUEST OF MR. MODI (PROPERTY OWNER).
  - C. DESPITE OSC'S CONTINUING CONCERN, THE CAT 955 USED ON-SITE (PROPERTY OF O.H. MATERIALS) CONTINUED TO BE USED WITH DAILY DOWN-TIME.
  - D. MR. MODI (PRP) REQUESTED A COPY OF THE ENFORCEMENT SITUATION REPORT. HE WILL PICK IT UP ON-SITE ON 7/18/86.
  - E. ESTIMATED COSTS TO DATE: (7/17/86)

ERCS- \$ 258.6K

EPA- \$ 2.9K

TAT- \$ 21.5K

USCG- \$ 14.2K

TOTAL- \$ 297.2K

F. PERSONNEL ON-SCENE:

ERCS- 14

EPA- 1

TAT- 2

PADER- 0

G. WEATHER- OVERCAST, HUMID, HIGH'S IN THE UPPER 90'S.

- A. ERCS LOADED AND MANIFESTED SIX TRACTOR-TRAILER LOADS OF CONTAMINATED SOIL AND ONE BOX TRAILER WITH NINE OVERPACKED DRUMS.
- B. ERCS BEGAN PREPARATION FOR SITE STABILIZATION IN STAGING AREA.
- C. OSC REQUESTED ERCS TO MOBILIZE MATERIAL NEEDED FOR SITE STABILIZATION.

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D. TAT PROVIDED PERIMETER AIR MONITORING, COST TRACKING AND SITE SAFETY MONITORING.

#### III. FUTURE PLANS

- A. ONE DRUM TO BE LOADED AND MANIFESTED OFF-SITE ON 7/18/86.
- B. GRADING, PLACEMENT OF TOPSOIL AND SEEDING OF CLAY CAP AREA AND STAGING AREA FOR THE PURPOSE OF STABILIZATION AND EROSION CONTROL TO BE COMPLETED.
- C. DEMOBILIZATION OF EPA COMMAND POST AND ALL EQUIPMENT AND CERSONNEL.

ROGER L. MEYER, OSC USEPA REGION III

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To: T. MASSEY (EPA9374)

From: T.MASSEY (EPA9374) Posted: Mon 21-July-86 10:57 EDT Sys 63 (83)

Subject: BENSALEM POLREP 30

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CERCLA EMERGENCY REMOVAL
BENSALEM DRUM DUMP
BENSALEM, BUCKS COUNTY, PA

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ATTN: TOM MASSEY AND TIM FIELDS

- I. SITUATION (7/16/86 1800 HRS)
  - A. OSC CONTACTED MR. McANALLY (PRP) AND LEFT A MESSAGE WITH HIS OFFICE CONCERNING CURRENT SITE ACTIVITIES.
  - B. REMOVAL OF WASTE MATERIAL ON-SITE PROGRESSED AS SCHEDULED UNTIL 1300 HRS. DUE TO EQUIPMENT FAILURE.
  - C. OSC INFORMED BY TAT THAT FIVE TRUCKS WERE BEING HELD AT SCA LANDFILL IN MODEL CITY, NY.
  - D. PERMISSION TO DUMP FIVE LOADS WAS WITHHELD BY SCA LANDFILL. TRUCKS WERE IMPROPERLY DOCUMENTED DUE TO LACK OF SUFFICIENT GUIDANCE ON DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED BY SCA LANDFILL IN ADDITION TO ALL DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED UNDER STATE (NY) AND FEDERAL REGULATIONS.
  - E. ESTIMATED COSTS TO DATE: (7/16/86)

ERCS- \$ 221.9K

EPA- \$ 2.6K

TAT- \$ 20.8K

USCG- \$ 14.2K

TOTAL- \$ 259.5K

F. PERSONNEL ON-SCENE:

ERCS- 17

EPA-

TAT- 2

PADER- 0

USCG- o

G. WEATHER- OVERCAST IN AM, RAIN IN PM, LITTLE TO NO BREEZE, TEMPERATURE IN 80'S.

- A. ERCS LOADED AND MANIFESTED FOUR TRACTOR-TRAILER LOADS OF WASTE OFF-SITE. PREPARATION FOR LOADING WAS PERFORMED ON SIX ADDITIONAL TRUCKS AND ONE BOX TRAILER.
- B. ERCS OVERPACKED SEVEN DRUMS REGISTERING HIGH CONCENTRATIONS OF CONTAMINANTS FOR REMOVAL ON 7/17/86.

C. TAT PROVIDED SITE SAFETY MONITORING, COST TRACKING AND PERIMETER AIR MONITORING.

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#### III. FUTURE PLANS

- A. ERCS TO CONTINUE STABILIZING DRUMS ON-SITE FOR REMOVAL.
- B. ERCS TO CONTINUE REMOVING AND MANIFESTING THE CONTAMINATED SOIL.
- C. TAT TO CONTINUE SITE SAFETY MONITORING, COST TRACKING AND PERIMETER AIR MONITORING.

ROGER L. MEYER, OSC USEPA REGION III To: T. MASSEY (EPA9374)

From: T.MASSEY (EPA9374) Posted: Wed 16-July-86 7:57 EDT Sys 63 (72)

Subject: BENSALEM POLREP 29

POLREP 29

CERCLA EMERGENCY REMOVAL

BENSALEM DRUM DUMP

BENSALEM, BUCKS COUNTY, PA

ATTN: TOM MASSEY AND TIM FIELDS

- I. SITUATION (7/15/86 1500 HRS)
  - A. OSC CONTACTED NANCI SINCLAIR (OFFICE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS) AND MR. (b) (6) (ADJOINING PROPERTY OWNER) CONCERNING SITE ACTIVITIES.
  - B. REMOVAL OF WASTE MATERIAL ON-SITE PROGRESSING AS SCHEDULED.
  - C. BENSALEM RESCUE SQUAD PROVIDED MEDICAL MONITORING DUE TO HÉAT STRESS POTENTIAL.
  - D. PERSONNEL ON-SCENE:

ERCS- 13

EPA-

TAT- 2

PADER- 0

- E. WEATHER- SUNNY, BRISK NW WINDS, TEMPERATURE IN 90'S.
- II. ACTIONS TAKEN
  - A. ERCS STABILIZED 25-30 DRUMS CONTAINING SOLIDS AND LIQUIDS.
  - B. ERCS INSTALLED ELECTRONIC SCALES FOR LOAD/WEIGHT CONTROL OF SHIPPED MATERIAL.
  - C. ERCS LOADED AND MANIFESTED FIVE TRACTOR-TRAILER LOADS OF WASTE OFF-SITE.
  - D. TAT PROVIDED SITE SAFETY MONITORING, COST TRACKING AND PERIMETER AIR MONITORING.
- III. FUTURE PLANS
  - A. ERCS TO CONTINUE STABILIZING DRUMS ON-SITE FOR REMOVAL.
  - B. ERCS TO CONTINUE REMOVING AND MANIFESTING THE CONTAMINATED SOIL.
  - C. TAT TO CONTINUE SITE SAFETY MONITORING, COST TRACKING AND PERIMETER AIR MONITORING.
  - D. OSC TO CONTINUE EFFORTS TO REACH MR. McANALLY (PRP) CONCERNING SITE ACTIVITIES.

ROGER L. MEYER, OSC USEPA, REGION III To: T. MASSEY (EPA9374)

From: T.MASSEY (EPA9374) Posted: Tue 15-July-86 9:48 EDT Sys 63 (76)

Subject: BENSALEM POLREP 28

POLREP 28 CERCLA EMERGENCY REMOVEL BENSALEM DRUM DUMP BENSALEM, BUCKS COUNTY, PA

ATTN: TOM MASSEY AND TIM FIELDS

- I. SITUATION (7/14/86 1600 HRS)
  - A. OSC ACTIVATED ERCS AND TAT FOR DISPOSAL OF WASTE FROM THE SITE.
  - B. OSC CONTACTED MR. MODI (PRP) AND MR. STEWART (PRP)
    CONCERNING FINAL DISPOSAL ACTIVITIES. MR. MODI WILL
    CONTACT OSC ON WEDNESDAY, 7/16/86, OR THURSDAY, 7/17/86
    REGARDING WHETHER OR NOT TO LEAVE THE FENCE INTACT.
  - C. OSC CONTACTED LIDIA ISALES (OFFICE OF REGIONAL COUNCIL)
    CONCERNING SITE ACTIVITIES.
  - D. OSC MAINTAINED 24-HOUR SECURITY ON-SITE THROUGH 0600 HRS 7/15/86.
  - E. OSC OBTAINED A 40K INCREASE ; NEW CEILING 290K.
  - F. PERSONNEL ON-SCENE:

ERCS- 8

EPA- 1

TAT- 8

PADER- 0

G. WEATHER- SUNNY, BRISK NW WINDS, HIGHS IN UPPER 80'S.

#### II. ACTIONS TAKEN

- A. OSC CONTACTED MEDEVAC CONCERNING MEDICAL MONITORING OF PERSONNEL DUE TO PROJECTED HIGH TEMPERATURES.
- B. TAT PROVIDED SITE SAFETY MONITORING AND COST TRACKING.
- C. ERCS SEPARATED AND STAGED 17 OUT OF THE 20 DRUMS THAT REGISTERED CONCENTRATIONS GREATER THAN 50 PPM IN THE ANALYTICAL RESULTS.
- D. ERCS SEGREGATED DRUMS CONTAINING LIQUID FROM DRUMS CONTAINING SOLID MATERIAL FOR DISPOSAL.

#### III. FUTURE PLANS

A. ERCS TO BEGIN TO REMOVE AND MANIFEST THE CONTAMINATED SOIL.

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- B. ERCS TO CONTINUE STAGING DRUMS FOR DISPOSAL ON 7/16/86.
- C. TAT TO CONTINUE SITE SAFETY MONITORING, COST TRACKING AND TO IMPLEMENT PERIMETER AIR MONITORING.
- D. OSC TO CONTINUE EFFORTS TO REACH MR. McANALLY (PRP) CONCERNING SITE ACTIVITIES.
- E. OSC AUTHORIZED SITE WORK TO COMMENCE AT 0600 HRS DAILY TO ALLEVIATE HEAT STRESS POTENTIAL.

ROGER L. MEYER, OSC USEPA, REGION III

T. MASSEY (EPA9374) To:

(EPA9374) Posted: Tue 15-July-86 From: T. MASSEY 14:34 EDT Sys 63 (76)

Subject: BENSALEM POLREP 26

#### POLREP 26

CERCLA EMERGENCY REMOVAL

BENSALEM DRUM DUMP

BENSALEM, BUCKS COUNTY, PA

- I. SITUATION (4/10/86 1600HRS )
  - A. ALL VISIBLE DRUMS ON THE SURFACE HAVE BEEN STAGED.
  - B. CLAY CAP ON AREA OF MAIN DRUM PILE IS STABLE AND SECURE.
  - C. EXCAVATED CONTAMINATED SOIL COVERED WITH DOUBLE LAYER OF VISQUEEN TO SECURE SITE UNTIL DISPOSAL ARRANGEMENTS ARE FINAL.
  - D. PERSONNEL ON-SCENE:

ERCS- 10

USCG-O

EPA-1

TAT-3

PADER-

E. ESTIMATED COSTS (4/10/86)

ERCS- \$118.8K

\$ 13.9K

USCG-

EPA-\$ 2.3K

\$ 13.0K TAT-

TOTAL- \$148.0K

F. WEATHER- UNSEASONABLY COOL WITH PERIODIC SNOW, WINDY, TEMPERATURES IN THE MID 40'S.

- A. ERCS DEMOBED ALL PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT UNTIL DISPOSAL OPTIONS ARE FORMULATED BASED ON ANALYTICAL RESULTS.
- B. FENCING CONTRACTORS BEGAN ERECTING FENCE AROUND STAGING AREA, TO BE FINALIZED 4/12/86.
- C. TAT PROVIDED SITE SAFETY AND CONTRACTOR MONITORING IN THE ABSCENCE OF USCG/AST.
- D. TAT DEMOBED ALL PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT UNTIL FENCE CONSTRUCTION RESUMES (4/12/86).
- E. ERCS ARRANGED 24-HR SECURITY UNTIL DISPOSAL ACTIVITIES BEGIN.

#### III. FUTURE PLANS

- A. ANALYTICAL RESULTS ANTICIPATED ON 4/15/86.
- B. SITE TO BE SECURED UPON FENCE COMPLETION ON 4/12/86.
- C. OSC TO FORMULATE DISPOSAL OPTIONS UPON RECEIVING ANALYTICAL RESULTS.
- D. CLAY CAP AREA TO BE COVERED WITH TOP SOIL AND SEEDED.

DAVID WRIGHT, OSC ROGER L. MEYER, OSC USEPA REGION III To: T.MASSEY (EPA9374)

From: T.MASSEY (EPA9374) Posted: Thu 10-Apr-86 15:21 EST Sys 63 (73)

Subject: POLREP 25 BENSALEM

#### POLREP 25

CERCLA EMERGENCY REMOVAL

BENSALEM DRUM DUMP

BENSALEM, BUCKS COUNTY, PA

- I. SITUATION (4/9/86 1700)
  - A. ALL VISIBLE DRUMS ON THE SURFACE HAVE BEEN STAGED.
  - B. DUE TO 4/8/86 THUNDER SHOWERS, CLAY CAPPING OF MAIN DRUM PILE AREA WAS DELAYED UNTIL 4/9/86.
  - C. PERSONNEL ON-SCENE:

ERCS- 9

USCG- 0

EPA- 1

TAT- 3

PADER- 0

D. ESTIMATED COSTS (4/9/86)

ERCS- \$ 109.0K

USCG- \$ 13.9K

EPA- \$ 2.2K

TAT- \$ 12.0K

TOTAL- \$ 137.1K

E. WEATHER- BREEZY, OVERCAST, UNSEASONABLY COOL, TEMPERATURES DROPPING INTO THE 40'S.

- A. ERCS COMPLETED PLACEMENT OF CLAY CAP ON MAIN DRUM PILE AREA 4/9/86. ALL CONTAMINATED MATERIALS WERE COVERED AND SECURED WHILE DISPOSAL STRATEGIES ARE BEING FORMULATED. TAT AND ERCS TOURED THE SECURED SITE. NO ORGANIC VAPOR LEVELS ABOVE BACKGROUND WERE DETECTED WITH A P.I.D.
- B. TAT CONTINUED PERIMETER AIR MONITORING TO INSURE COMMUNITY SAFETY.
- C. USCG/AST DEMOBED COMMAND POST AND ASSOCIATED PERSONNEL 4/8/86.
- D. TAT PROVIDED SITE SAFETY AND CONTRACTOR MONITORING IN THE ABSENCE OF USCG/AST.

#### III. FUTURE PLANS

- A. ERCS TO DECON ALL EQUIPMENT AND BEGIN DEMOB. 0800 HR 4/10/86.
- B. OSC AWAITS ANALYTICAL DATA IN ORDER TO FORMULATE DISPOSAL STRATEGIES BASED ON REMAINING FUNDING.
- C. TAT COMPLETED PERIMETER AIR MONITORING AFTER ALL CONTAMINATED MATERIAL WAS SECURED.
- D. ERCS SUBCONTRACTOR TO INSTALL SECURITY FENCE AROUND STAGED MATERIAL.
- E. UPON DEMOB OF ERCS PERSONNEL, OSC TO INSTALL 24 HR SECURITY.

DAVID WRIGHT, OSC ROGER MEYER, OSC USEPA REGION III To: T.MASSEY (EPA9374)

From: T.MASSEY (EPA9374) Posted: Wed 9-Apr-86 10:56 EST Sys 63 (76)

Subject: POLREP 24 BENSALEM

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Crowde Eynogie & Dogs to Alt POLREP 24 CERCLA EMERGENCY REMOVAL BENSALEM DRUM DUMP BENSALEM, PA

- I. SITUATION ( $\frac{4/6/86}{}$  1800 HR)
  - A. ALL VISIBLE DRUMS ON THE SURFACE HAVE BEEN STAGED.
  - B. DUE TO WEEKEND PRECIPITATION, SITE OPERATIONS HAVE BEEN COMPLICATED BY MUDDY SITE CONDITIONS.
  - B. PERSONNEL ON-SCENE:

ERCS- 9

USCG- 3

EPA-0

TAT-2

PADER- 0

D. ESTIMATED COSTS (4/6/86)

ERCS- \$ 87.5 K

USCG- \$ 12.5 K

EPA - \$ 2.1 K

TAT - \$ 10.5 K

TOTAL- \$ 112.6 K

E. WEATHER- CLEARING PM, BREEZY, HIGHS IN THE MID 60'S

- A. ERCS COMPLETED STAGING POTENTIALLY CONTAMINATED SOIL. APPROXIMATELY 300 CUBIC YARDS HAVE BEEN STAGED TO DATE.
- B. ERCS COMPLETED INSTALLATION OF FILTER FENCING TO CONTROL SITE SEDIMENTATION AND EROSION IN AREAS WHERE SOIL EXCAVATION WAS PERFORMED.
- C. TAT SAMPLED A WELL LOCATED ON THE ANALYTICAL WAS ARRANGED USING THE ERCS CONTRACTING MECHANISM.
- D. TAT CONTINUED PERIMETER AIR MONITORING TO INSURE COMMUNITY SAFETY.
- E. USCG/AST CONTINUED TO PROVIDE SITE SAFETY AND CONTRACTOR MONITORING.

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#### III. FUTURE PLANS

- A. OSC AWAITING ANALYTICAL RESULTS TO FORMULATE DISPOSAL STRATEGIES AND OPTIONS.
- B. TAT TO CONTINUE PERIMETER AIR MONITORING AND COST TRACKING.
- C. USCG/AST TO DEMOB COMMAND POST AND PERSONNEL 4/8/86. ALL USCG SITE DUTIES WILL BE ASSUMED BY TAT PERSONNEL.
- D. ERCS TO CONSTRUCT CLAY CAP IN THE MAIN DRUM PILE AREA. OSC CONSIDERS THIS TO BE THE ONLY FEASIBLE OPTION UNDER CURRENT FUNDING CONSTRAINTS.

DAVID WRIGHT, OSC USEPA REGION III

To: T.MASSEY (EPA9374)

From: T.MASSEY (EPA9374) Posted: Mon 7-Apr-86 14:14 EST Sys 63 (79)

Subject: POLREP 23 BENSALEM

#### POLREP 23

CERCLA EMERGENCY REMOVAL BENSALEM DRUM DUMP BENSALEM, BUCKS COUNTY, PA

- I. SITUATION ( 1600 HRS 4/4/86 )
  - A. ALL VISIBLE DRUMS ON SURFACE HAVE BEEN STAGED.
  - B. PERSONNEL ON-SCENE:

ERCS- 11

USCG- 3

EPA - 1 ·

TAT - 2

PADER- 0

C. ESTIMATED COSTS (4/4/86)

ERCS- \$ 80.7K

USCG- \$ 11.3K

EPA- \$ 2.1K

TAT- \$ 9.6K

TOTAL- \$ 103.7K

D. WEATHER- OVERCAST AND CALM, HIGHS IN THE 60'S

- A. OSC MET ON-SITE WITH MR. MODI (PRP) TO DISCUSS SITE DEVELOPMENTS. MODI WILL NOT BE BE PERMITTED TO PROVIDE ON-SITE FENCING AS PER OFFICE OF REGIONAL COUNCIL.
- B. ERCS CONTINUED TO EXCAVATE AND STAGE POTENTIALLY CONTAMINATED SOIL. APPROX. 200 CUBIC YARDS HAVE BEEN STAGED TO DATE.
- C. TAT CONTINUED PERIMETER AIR MONITORING TO INSURE COMMUNITY SAFETY.
- D. ERCS COMPLETED DRUM AND SOIL SAMPLING. SAMPLES ARE TO BE ANALYZED BY WADSWORTH LABORATORIES UTILIZING THE ERCS MECHANISM.

E. USCG/AST CONTINUED SITE SAFETY AND CONTRACTOR MONITORING.

#### III. FUTURE PLANS

- A. DUE TO OSC ROGER MEYER'S OTHER REGIONAL OBLIGATIONS, OSC DAVE WRIGHT WILL ASSUME SITE RESPONSIBILITIES IN ROGER MEYER'S ABSCENCE.
- B. OSC WILL CONTINUE TO COORDINATE SITE ACTIVITIES WITH OFFICE OF REGIONAL COUNCIL AND ENFORCEMENT.
- c. TAT TO SAMPLE RESIDENTIAL WELL (6) (6) 4/7/86.
- D. ERCS TO FENCE STAGING AREA UPON COMPLETION OF REMOVAL ACTIVITIES.
- E. OSC AWAITING LABORATORY RESULTS IN ORDER TO OBTAIN DISPOSAL APPROVAL OF ON-SITE MATERIALS.
- F. TAT TO CONTINUE PERIMETER AIR MONITORING AND COST TRACKING.
- G. ERCS TO IMPLEMENT A CLAY CAP TO COVER CONTAMINATED SOIL FROM THE MAIN DRUM DUMP AREA. OSC REGARDS THIS TO BE THE ONLY FEASIBLE OPTION UNDER CURRENT FUNDING CONSTRAINTS.

ROGER L. MEYER, OSC USEPA, REGION III

To: T.MASSEY (EPA9374)

From: T.MASSEY (EPA9374) Posted: Fri 4-Apr-86 8:47 EST Sys 63 (94)

Subject: POLREP 22 BENSALEM

POLREP 22

CERCLA EMERGENCY REMOVAL

BENSALEM DRUM DUMP

BENSALEM, BUCKS COUNTY, PA

- I. SITUATION ( 1700 HRS 4/3/86 )
  - A. OSC WAS INFORMED BY LIDIA ISALES (OFFICE OF REGIONAL COUNCIL) THAT A LETTER WAS RECEIVED FROM MR. STEWART (PRP). STEWART DISPUTED EPA CLAIMS THAT ON-SITE CONTAMINANTS ARE ON HIS PROPERTY. PROPERTY LINES MAY HAVE TO BE SURVEYED TO ESTABLISH OWNERSHIP BOUNDARIES.
  - B. ALL VISIBLE DRUMS ON SURFACE HAVE BEEN STAGED.
  - C. PERSONNEL ON-SCENE:

ERCS- 10

USCG- 3

EPA- 1

TAT- 2

PADER- 0

D. ESTIMATED COSTS:

ERCS- \$ 72.0 K

USCG- \$ 10.7 K

EPA- \$ 2.0 K

TAT- \$ 8.9 K

TOTAL- \$ 93.6 K

E. WEATHER- PLEASANT AND MILD, HIGH IN THE MID 70'S

- A. OSC MET WITH MR. MODI ( PRP ) TO DISCUSS SITE DEVELOPMENTS. MR. MODI HAS EXPRESSED INTEREST IN BECOMING INVOLVED WITH CERTAIN ASPECTS REGARDING THIS REMOVAL PROJECT. OSC CONTINUES IN THE ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN COORDINATION OF EFFORTS WITH EPA OFFICE OF REGIONAL COUNCIL AND ENFORCEMENT.
- B. ERCS REGIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY MANAGER ( O ON-SITE TO DISCUSS SITE SAFETY PROTOCOL AND TO EVALUATE ERCS SAFETY AWARENESS ON-SITE.
- C. ERCS CONTINUED TO EXCAVATE AND STAGE POTENTIALLY CONTAMINATED SOIL. APPROXIMATELY 150 CUBIC YARDS OF CONTAMINATED SOIL HAVE BEEN STAGED TO DATE.

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- D. TAT CONTINUED PERIMETER AIR MONITORING TO INSURE COMMUNITY SAFETY.
- E. USCG/AST CONTINUED SITE SAFETY AND CONTRACTOR MONITORING.

#### III. FUTURE PLANS

- A. OSC WILL CONTINUE TO COORDINATE SITE ACTIVITIES WITH OFFICE OF REGIONAL COUNCIL AND ENFORCEMENT.
- B. ERCS TO CONTINUE EXCAVATING AND STAGING OF POTENTIALLY CONTAMINATED SOIL. DUE TO THE EXTENSIVE CONTAMINATION IN THE MAIN DRUM PILE AREA, THE OSC INTENDS TO IMPLEMENT A CLAY CAP. THIS REMAINS THE ONLY FEASIBLE OPTION UNDER CURRENT FUNDING CONSTRAINTS.
- C. TAT TO SAMPLE RESIDENTIAL WELL (6) (6) 4/7/86.
- D. ERCS TO ARRANGE LABORATORY ANALYSIS FOR DRUM, SOIL AND WELL SAMPLES.
- E. ERCS TO FENCE STAGING AREA UPON COMPLETION OF REMOVAL ACTIVITIES.
- F. TAT TO CONTINUE PERIMETER AIR MONITORING AND COST TRACKING.
- G. USCG/AST TO CONTINUE CONTRACTOR AND SITE SAFETY MONITORING.

ROGER L. MEYER USEPA REGION III

To: T.MASSEY (EPA9374)

From: T.MASSEY (EPA9374) Posted: Thu 3-Apr-86 17:09 EST Sys 63 (75)

Subject: POLREP 21 BENSALEM

POLREP 21

CERCLA EMERGENCY REMOVAL

BENSALEM DRUM DUMP

BENSALEM, BUCKS COUNTY, PA

- I. SITUATION ( 1730 HRS 4/2/86 )
  - A. ALL VISIBLE DRUMS ON SURFACE HAVE BEEN STAGED.
  - B. NO RESPONSIBLE PARTIES HAVE COMMITTED TO BECOME INVOLVED WITH CLEAN-UP ACTIVITIES TO DATE.
  - C. PERSONNEL ON-SCENE:

ERCS- 10

USCG-3

EPA-2

TAT-

PADER- 2

D. ESTIMATED COSTS:

ERCS- \$ 67.0K

USCG- \$ 10.1K

EPA- \$ 1.8K

TAT-\$ 8.2K

TOTAL- \$ 87.1K

E. WEATHER- SUNNY, BREEZY, WARM, HIGH IN MID 70'S

#### II. ACTIONS TAKEN

- A. M. BOBEK AND M. PENNELLA ( PADER ) ON-SITE FOR UPDATE ON SITE ACTIVITIES. PADER TO COORDINATE INFORMATION WITH PA FISH COMMISSION ( WAYNE IMLER ).
- B. ERCS CONTINUED TO EXCAVATE AND STAGE CONTAMINATED SOIL.
- C. TAT CONTINUED PERIMETER AIR MONITORING TO INSURE COMMUNITY SAFETY.

#### III. FUTURE PLANS

- A. ERCS TO CONTINUE EXCAVATION AND STAGING OF CONTAMINATED SOIL.
- B. ERCS TO FENCE STAGING AREA UPON COMPLETION OF REMOVAL ACTIVITIES.
- C. ERCS TO CONTINUE DRUM AND SOIL SAMPLING WHILE ARRANGING FOR LABORATORY ANALYSIS.

- D. TAT TO SAMPLE RESIDENTIAL WELL ( \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ) 4/7/86.
- E. OSC TO MEET WITH MR. MODI ( PRP ) 1130 HRS 4/3/86 CONCERNING SITE ACTIVITIES.
- F. TAT TO CONTINUE PERIMETER AIR MONITORING AND COST TRACKING.

ROGER L. MEYER USEPA REGION III

From: T.MASSEY (EPA9374) Posted: Thu 3-Apr-86 10:49 EST Sys 63 (76)

Subject: POLREP 20 BENSALEM

POLREP 20 CERCLA EMERGENCY REMOVAL BENSALEM DRUM DUMP BENSALEM, BUCKS COUNTY, PA

- I. SITUATION (1700 HRS 4/1/86)
  - A. ALL VISIBLE DRUMS ON SURFACE HAVE BEEN STAGED.
  - B. NO RESPONSIBLE PARTIES HAVE COMMITTED TO BECOME INVOLVED WITH CLEAN-UP ACTIVITIES TO DATE.
  - C. PERSONNEL ON-SCENE:

ERCS- 10 USCG- 3

EPA- 0

TAT- 2

PADER- 0

D. ESTIMATED COSTS:

ERCS- \$ 61.9K

USCG- \$ 9.3K

EPA- \$ 1.7K

TAT- \$ 7.5K

TOTAL- \$ 80.4K

E. WEATHER- UNSEASONABLY WARM, HIGH 83 F, WINDS LIGHT AND VARIABLE

- A. AS DIRECTED BY THE OSC, TAT AND ERCS DESIGNATED AREAS OF CONTAMINATED SOIL TO BE REMOVED AND STAGED BY ERCS CONTRACTOR.
- B. PROPANE CYLINDER WAS REMOVED FROM SITE BY US COMPRESSED GAS.
- C. TAT AND ERCS DISCOVERED TWO ADDITIONAL DRUMS WHICH WERE IMMEDIATELY STAGED.
- D. ERCS STOCKPILED APPROXIMATELY 100 CUBIC YARDS OF POTENTIALLY CONTAMINATED SOIL.
- E. ERCS COMMENCED SAMPLING OF STAGED DRUMS.

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## III. FUTURE PLANS

- A. ERCS TO CONTINUE STAGING OF CONTAMINATED SOIL.
- B. USCG/AST TO CONTINUE CONTRACTOR AND SITE SAFETY MONITORING.
- C. TAT TO CONTINUE PERIMETER AIR MONITORING AND COST TRACKING.
- D. OSC CONTINUES TO UPDATE OFFICE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS CONCERNING SITE ACTIVITIES.
- E. OSC TO MEET WITH MR. MODI ( PRP ) ON-SITE 4/2/86 TO DISCUSS SITE ACTIVITIES.

From: T.MASSEY (EPA9374) Posted: Tue 1-Apr-86 17:07 EST Sys 63 (74)

Subject: POLREP 19 BENSALEM

POLREP 19
CERCLA EMERGENCY REMOVAL
BENSALEM DRUM DUMP
BENSALEM, BUCKS COUNTY, PA

- I. SITUATION ( 1700 HRS 3/31/86 )
  - A. ALL VISIBLE DRUMS ON SITE HAVE BEEN STAGED TO DATE.
  - B. NO RESPONSIBLE PARTIES HAVE COMMITTED TO BECOME INVOLVED WITH CLEAN-UP ACTIVITIES TO DATE.
  - C. PERSONNEL ON-SCENE:

ERCS- 9

USCG- 3

EPA- 0

TAT- 2

PADER- 0

D. ESTIMATED COSTS:

ERCS- \$ 57.4K

USCG- \$ 8.7K

EPA- \$ 1.7K

TAT- \$ 6.7K

TOTAL- \$ 74.5K

- E. WEATHER- SUNNY AND WARM, MID 80'S
- F. MR. MODI ( PRP ) CONTACTED OSC TO SET UP MEETING ON 4/3/86 AT 1130 HRS TO DISCUSS SITE ACTIVITIES.
- G. PROPANE CYLINDER WAS FOUND ON-SITE AND WAS IDENTIFIED AS BELONGING TO U.S. COMPRESSED GAS. OSC AUTHORIZED TAT TO CONTACT OWNER AND ARRANGE FOR PICK-UP ON 4/1/86.

- A. OSC AUTHORIZED O.H. MATERIALS TO MOBILIZE A CHEMIST.
- B. ERCS COMPLETED DRUM STAGING WITH A TOTAL 186 DRUMS STAGED TO DATE.
- C. USCG/AST AND TAT PERFORMED SWEEP OF AREA NEXT TO THE CREEK TO IDENTIFY AND FLAG CONTAMINATED SOIL AREAS AND ANY DRUM FRAGMENTS LEFT BEHIND.
- D. TAT CONTINUED PERIMETER AIR MONITORING TO ASSURE COMMUNITY SAFETY. NO OFF-SITE VAPOR LEVELS ABOVE BACKGROUND HAVE BEEN NOTED TO DATE.

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## III. FUTURE PLANS

- A. ERCS TO CONTINUE STAGING OF CONTAMINATED SOIL.
- B. USCG/AST TO CONTINUE CONTRACTOR AND SITE SAFETY MONITORING.
- C. TAT TO CONTINUE PERIMETER AIR MONITORING AND COST TRACKING.
- D. OSC CONTINUES TO UPDATE OFFICE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS CONCERNING SITE ACTIVITIES.

From: T.MASSEY (EPA9374) Posted: Mon 31-Mar-86 14:16 EST Sys 63 (67)

Subject: POLREP 18 BENSALEM

POLREP 18

CERCLA EMERGENCY REMOVAL

BENSALEM DRUM DUMP

BENSALEM, BUCKS COUNTY, PA

- I. SITUATION ( 1700 HRS 3/27/86 )
  - A. DUE TO REGIONAL REQUIREMENT THAT THE OSC BE IN OFFICE, THE OSC DELEGATED HIS AUTHORITY TO USCG/AST TO RUN SITE OPERATIONS IN HIS ABSENCE.
  - B. DRUMS REMAIN ON-SITE IN THE DRUM STAGING AREA.
  - C. PERSONNEL ON-SCENE:

ERCS- 10

USCG- 3

EPA- 0

TAT-

PADER- 0

D. ESTIMATED COSTS TO DATE ( 3/27/86 )

ERCS- \$ 49.4K

USCG- \$ 7.4K

EPA- \$ 1.7K

TAT- \$ 4.8K

TOTAL- \$ 63.3K

#### II. ACTIONS TAKEN

- A. THE RESPONSE MANAGER WAS INSTRUCTED TO DISMISS (6) (6) (EQUIPMENT OPERATOR- O.H. MATERIALS) BY THE OSC DUE TO A CONSISTANT VIOLATION OF THE SITE SAFETY PROTOCOL.
- B. ERCS STAGED 14 DRUMS WHICH WERE LOCATED ON THE STEEP ENBANKMENT OF MILL CREEK. ERCS HAVE STAGED A TOTAL OF 185 DRUMS TO DATE.
- C. OSC CONTINUES TO UPDATE EPA OFFICE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS REGARDING SITE ACTIVITIES.
- D. TAT CONTINUES PERIMETER AIR MONITORING TO ASSURE PUBLIC SAFETY. NO DETECTABLE VAPOR LEVELS NOTED TO DATE.

### III. FUTURE PLANS

A. ERCS TO MAKE FINAL SURVEY TO ASSURE THAT ALL VISIBLE DRUMS HAVE BEEN STAGED. EXCAVATION OF VISIBLY CONTAMINATED SOIL PLUS SIX INCHES TO BEGIN.

- B. USCG/AST TO CONTINUE CONTRACTOR AND SITE SAFETY MONITORING.
- C. TAT TO CONTINUE PERIMETER AIR MONITORING AND COST TRACKING.

POLREY 17
CERCLA EMERGENCY REMOVAL
BENSALEM DRUM DUMP
BENSALEM, BUCKS COUNTY, PA

- I. SITUATION (1600 HRS 3/26/86)
  - A. DRUMS REMAIN ON-SITE IN A DETERIORATED AND LEAKING CONDITION.
  - B. NO RESPONSIBLE PARTIES HAVE COMMITTED TO BECOME INVOLVED WITH CLEAN-UP ACTIVITIES TO DATE.
  - C. PERSONNEL ON-SCENE:

ERCS- 10

USCG- 3

EPA- 1

TAT- E

PADER- 0

D. ESTIMATED COSTS:

ERCS- \$ 44.4K

USCG- \$ 6.7K

EPA- \$ 1.7K

TAT- . \$ 4.3K

TOTAL- \$ 57.1K

- E. WEATHER- SUNNY, BRISK BREEZES AND MILD
- TALK TO OSC CONCERNING SITE ACTIVITIES.

#### II. ACTIONS TAKEN

- A. ERCS CONTINUES TO STAGE DRUMS. APPROXIMATELY 170 DRUMS HAVE BEEN OVERPACKED TO DATE. 39 DRUMS HAVE BEEN OVERPACKED TO DATE.
- B. OSC CONTINUES TO UPDATE EPA OFFICE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS REGARDING SITE ACTIVITIES.
- C. TAT CONTINUES PERIMETER AIR MONITORING TO ASSURE SUBLIC SAFETY. NO DETECTABLE VAPOR LEVELS NOTED TO DATE.

#### III. FUTURE PLANS

A. ERCS TO CONTINUE STAGING DRUMS.

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- B. USCG/AST TO CONTINUE CONTRACTOR AND SITE SAFETY MONITORING.
- C. TAT TO CONTINUE PERIMETER AIR MONITORING AND COST TRACKING.

From: T.MASSEY (EPA9374) Posted: Wed 26-Mar-86 9:18 EST Sys 63 (71)

Subject: POLREP 16 BENSALEM

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CERCLA EMERGENCY REMOVAL

BENSALEM DRUM DUMP

BENSALEM, BUCKS COUNTY, PA

- I. SITUATION (1600 HRS 3/25/86)
  - A. DRUMS REMAIN ON-SITE IN A DETERIORATED AND LEAKING CONDITION.
  - B. NO RESPONSIBLE PARTIES HAVE COMMITTED TO BECOME INVOLVED WITH CLEAN-UP ACTIVITIES TO DATE.
  - C. PERSONNEL ON-SCENE:

ERCS- 10

USCG- 3

EPA- 1

TAT- 2

PADER- 0

D. ESTIMATED COSTS (3/23/86)

ERCS- \$ 38.0K

USCG- \$ 6.0K

EPA- \$ 1.7K

TAT- \$ 3.7K

TOTAL- \$ 49.4K

- E. WEATHER- SUNNY, BREEZY AND MILD.
- F. R.C. STEWART ( PRP ) ON-SITE IN RESPONSE TO LETTER OF OFFICIAL NOTICE THAT WAS SENT TO HIM BY THE OSC. HE WILL RETURN TO THE SITE DURING THE MORNING OF 3/26/86 FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

- A. ERCS CONTINUED TO STAGE DRUMS. APPROXIMATELY 136 DRUMS HAVE BEEN STAGED TO DATE.
- B. OSC UPDATED PETE BENTLEY (OFFICE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS)

  REGARDING SITE ACTIVITIES.
- C. TAT CONTINUED PERIMETER AIR MONITORING TO ASSURE PUBLIC SAFETY. NO DETECTABLE VAPOR LEVELS NOTED TO DATE.

## III. FUTURE PLANS

- A. AS A COST SAVING MEASURE, SITE OPERATIONS WILL BE SHUT-DOWN C.O.B. THURSDAY 3/27/86 FOR THE EASTER HOLIDAYS.
- B. OSC UPDATED PETE BENTLEY (OFFICE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS) REGARDING SITE ACTIVITIES.
- C. TAT TO CONTINUE PERIMETER AIR MONITORING TO ASSURE COMMUNITY SAFETY.
- D. USCG/AST TO CONTINUE CONTRACTOR AND SITE SAFETY MONITORING.
- E. ERCS TO CONTINUE STAGING DRUMS.

From: T.MASSEY (EPA9374) Posted: Tue 25-Mar-86 10:42 EST Sys 63 (69) Subject: POLREP 15 BENSALEM

POLREP 15
CERCLA EMERGENCY REMOVAL
BENSALEM DRUM DUMP

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BENSALEM, BUCKS COUNTY, PA

- I. SITUATION (1600 HRS 3/24/86)
  - A. DRUMS REMAIN ON-SITE IN A DETERIORATED AND LEAKING CONDITION.
  - B. NO RESPONSIBLE PARTIES HAVE COMMITTED TO BECOME INVOLVED WITH CLEAN-UP ACTIVITIES TO DATE.
  - C. PERSONNEL ON-SITE

ERCS- 11

USCG- 3

EPA- 1

TAT- 2

PADER- 0

D. ESTIMATED COSTS

ERCS- \$ 33.2K

USCG- \$ 5.4K

EPA- \$ 1.6K

TAT- \$ 3.3K

TOTAL-\$ 43.5K

- E. WEATHER- SUNNY, BREEZY, HIGH IN MID 60'S
- F. DUE TO FAILURE OF SUBCONTRACTOR (AIRCO) TO DELIVER BREATHING AIR, SITE OPERATIONS WERE SHUT-DOWN 1530 HRS.

- A. ERCS CONTINUED TO STAGE DRUMS. APPROXIMATELY 130 DRUMS HAVE BEEN STAGED TO DATE. AN ACCESS ROAD WAS BUILT TO OBTAIN ACCESS TO THE MAIN DRUM PILE IN ORDER TO INCREASE REMOVAL EFFICIENCY.
- B. OSC CONTINUED TO UPDATE EPA OFFICE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS CONCERNING SITE ACTIVITIES.
- C. OSC CONTINUED TO BRIEF MR. MODI ( PRP ) CONCERNING SITE ACTIVITIES.

# III. FUTURE PLANS

- A. ERCS TO CONTINUE STAGING DRUMS.
- B. TAT TO CONTINUE PERIMETER AIR MONITORING TO ASSURE COMMUNITY SAFETY.
- C. OSC TO CONTINUE TO UPDATE EPA OFFICE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS REGARDING SITE ACTIVITIES.
- D. USCG/AST TO CONTINUE TO ASSIST OSC BY PERFORMING CONTRACTOR AND SITE SAFETY MONITORING.

From: T.MASSEY (EPA9374) Posted: Mon 24-Mar-86 10:54 EST Sys 63 (77)

Subject: POLREP 14 BENSALEM

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CERCLA EMERGENCY REMOVAL

BENSALEM DRUM DUMP

BENSALEM, BUCKS COUNTY, PA

- I. SITUATION (1730 HRS 3/21/86)
  - A. DRUMS REMAIN ON-SITE IN A DETERIORATED AND LEAKING CONDITION.
  - B. NO RESPONSIBLE PARTIES HAVE COMMITTED TO BECOME INVOLVED WITH CLEAN-UP ACTIVITIES TO DATE.
  - C. PERSONNEL ON-SITE

ERCS-9

USCG- 3

EPA- 2

TAT- 2

PADER- 0

D. ESTIMATED COSTS (3/20/86)

ERCS- \$ 22.2 K

USCG- \$ 3.7 K

EPA- \$ 1.1 K

TAT- \$ 2.3 K

TOTAL- \$ 29.3 K

- E. WEATHER- UNSEASONABLY COLD, LOW TEMP. 13 DEGREES F.
- F. DUE TO SITE BUDGETARY CONSTRAINTS, REMOVAL OPERATIONS WILL BE SUSPENDED UNTIL MONDAY(3/24/86) AS A COST SAVING MEASURE.

- A. OSC MET ON-SITE WITH MR. MODI ( PRP ) AND VIC JANOSIC (EPA ENFORCEMENT) REGARDING SITE ACTIVITIES. MR. MODI OBTAINED A COPY OF THE SITE FILE THROUGH AN FYI REQUEST.
- B. ERCS CONTINUES TO STAGE DRUMS DESPITE THE EXTREMELY RUGGED TERRAIN. A TOTAL OF 101 DRUMS HAVE BEEN STAGED TO TO DATE.
- C. OSC UPDATED MR. (b) (6) (LOCAL RESIDENT) REGARDING SITE PROGRESS.

- D. OSC CONTINUES TO UPDATE EPA OFFICE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS CONCERNING SITE ACTIVITIES.
- E. OSC HAD 24 HOUR SITE SECURITY INSTATED FOR THE WEEKEND.

#### III. FUTURE PLANS

- A. ERCS TO CONTINUE STAGING DRUMS.
- B. TAT TO CONTINUE PERIMETER AIR MONITORING TO ASSURE COMMUNITY SAFETY.
- C. OSC TO CONTINUE TO UPDATE EPA OFFICE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS REGARDING SITE ACTIVITIES.
- D. USCG/AST TO CONTINUE TO ASSIST OSC BY PERFORMING CONTRACTOR AND SITE SAFETY MONITORING.

ROGER L. MEYER, OSC USEPA REGION III .SEND POLREP 13 CERCLA EMERGENCY REMOVAL BENSALEM DRUM DUMP BENSALEM, BUCKS COUNTY, PA

#### I. SITUATION (1700 HRS 3/20/86)

- A. MEDIA INTEREST HAS BEEN MODERATE WITH MEDIA INQUIRIES BEING COORDINATED WITH PETE BENTLEY(OFFICE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS).
- B. DRUMS REMAIN ON-SITE IN A DETERIORATED AND LEAKING CONDITION.
- C. NO RESPONSIBLE PARTIES HAVE COMMITTED TO BECOME INVOLVED WITH CLEAN-UP ACTIVITIES TO DATE.
- D. PERSONNEL ON-SCENE

ERCS- 9

uscg- 3

EPA - 1

TAT - 2

PADER- 3

E. ESTIMATED COSTS (3/19/86)

ERCS- \$ 17.0K

USCG- \$ 3.OK

EPA- \$ 0.9K

TAT- \$ 1.7K

TOTAL COSTS TO DATE (3/19/86) - \$ 22.6K
ONLY ERCS COSTS ARE BEING TRACKED AGAINST THE \$250K
CEILING.

F. WEATHER- TEMPERATURES DROPPED THROUGHOUT THE DAY, PARTLY SUNNY AND WINDS GUSTING TO 35MPH.

- A. ERCS CONTINUES TO STAGE DRUMS DESPITE MUDDY CONDITIONS AND RUGGED TERRAIN. A TOTAL OF 71 DRUMS HAVE BEEN STAGED TO DATE.
- E. TAT CONTINUED TO PERFORM PERIMETER AIR MONITORING WHILE USCG/AST AND TAT MONITOR ON-SITE WORK AREAS.
- C. USCG/AST CONTINUED TO ASSIST THE OSC BY PROVIDING SITE SAFETY MONITORING AND CONTRACTOR COST MONITORING.

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- D. OSC CONTACTED MEDIVAC TO ARRANGE FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES.
- E. OSC BRIEFED PADER (3/20/86) ON-SITE REGARDING SITE OPERATIONS.
- F. OSC MET WITH (6) (6) (0.H. MATERIALS) UN-SITE TO DISCUSS SITE ACTIVITIES.

## III. FUTURE PLANS

- A. ERCS TO CONTINUE STAGING OF DRUMS.
- B. TAT TO CONTINUE PERIMETER AIR MONITORING TO ASSURE COMMUNITY SAFETY.
- C. USCG/AST TO CONTINUE TO UPDATE OFFICE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS CONCERNING SITE ACTIVITIES.

From: T.MASSEY (EPA9374) Posted: Thu 20-Mar-86 8:44 EST Sys 63 (55)

Subject: POLREP 12, BENSALEM

POLREP 12

CERCLA EMERGENCY REMOVAL

BENSALEM DRUM DUMP

BENSALEM, BUCKS COUNTY, PA

- I. SITUATION (1700 HRS 3/19/86)
  - A. MEDIA INTEREST REMAINS HIGH WITH ARTICLES APPEARING IN THE LOCAL NEWSPAPERS.
  - B. DRUMS REMAIN ON-SITE IN A DETERIORATED AND LEAKING CONDITION.
  - C. NO RESPONSIBLE PARTIES HAVE COMMITTED TO BECOME INVOLVED WITH CLEAN-UP ACTIVITIES TO DATE.
  - D. WEATHER- OVERCAST WINDS GUSTING TO 35 MPH.

#### II. ACTIONS TAKEN

- A. OSC WAS CONTACTED BY MR. MODI REGARDING PROPERTY OWNERSHIP. OSC REFERRED MR. MODI TO LIDIA ISALES, OFFICE OF REGIONAL COUNCIL. FOLLOWING THEIR DISCUSSION, OSC SENT MR. MODI A NOTICE TO POTENTIAL RESPONSIBLE PARTY VIA REGISTERED MAIL.
- B. ERCS CONTINUED TO MOVE AND OVERPACK DETERIORATED DRUMS WHICH WERE LYING ON THE SURFACE AND PARTIALLY BURIED. PRODUCTIVITY REMAINS HIGH DESPITE MUDDY CONDITIONS AND RUGGED TERRAIN. 32 DRUMS HAVE BEEN STAGED TO DATE.
- C. TAT CONTINUES TO PROVIDE AIR MONITORING ALONG PERIMETER OF SITE.
- D. USCG/AST CONTINUES TO ASSIST OSC BY PROVIDING SITE SAFETY MONITORING AND CONTRACTOR COST MONITORING.

#### III. FUTURE PLANS

- A. ERCS TO CONTINUE STAGING OF DRUMS.
- B. TAT TO CONTINUE PERIMETER AIR MONITORING TO ASSURE COMMUNITY SAFETY.
- C. USCG/AST TO CONTINUE CONTRACTOR AND SITE SAFETY MONITORING.
- D. OSC TO CONTINUE TO UPDATE OFFICE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS CONCERNING SITE ACTIVITIES.

From: T.MASSEY (EPA9374) Posted: Wed 19-Mar-86 11:05 EST Sys 63 (45)

Subject: POLREP 11 BENSALEM DRUM DUMP

POLREP 11

CERCLA EMERGENCY REMOVAL

BENSALEM DRUM DUMP

BENSALEM, BUCKS COUNTY, PA.

- I. SITUATION (1630 HRS 3/18/86)
  - A. MEDIA INTEREST REMAINS EXTREMELY HIGH WITH CHANNELS 10, 6, AND 29 ON SITE WITH CAMERA CREWS. CHANNEL 10 CREW INADVERTENTLY ENTERED A CONTAMINATED AREA, PROMPTING THE OSC TO REQUIRE DECON OF THEIR SHOES.
  - B. DRUMS REMAINJ ON SITE IN A DETERIORATED AND LEAKING CONDITION.
  - C. COMMAND POST FULLY OPERATIONAL 0800 HRS, 3/18/86.
  - D. OSC CONTINUES TO EXPLORE INNOVATIVE DISPOSAL METHODS TO CONSERVE THE EXTREMELY LIMITED FUNDS AVAILABLE.
  - E. WEATHER: CLEAR, COOL, BREEZY, HIGH 60'S.
  - F. NO RESPONSIBLE PARTY RESPONSES HAVE BEEN RECIEVED BY THE OSC TO DATE.

# II. ACTIONS TAKEN

- A. AT THE REQUEST OF THE OSC, PETE BENTLEY (OPA), ON SITE 3/18/86 TO ASSIST WITH MEDIA RELATIONS.
- B. ERCS BEGAN REMOVAL AND STAGING OF DRUMS FROM CLOSEST PROXIMITY TO THE RESIDENTIAL AREA.
- C. TAT CONTINUES TO PROVIDE AIR MONITORING ALONG PERIMETER OF SITE.
- D. USCG/AST ASSISTED OSC BY PROVIDING SITE SAFETY MONITORING AND CONTRACTOR COST MONITORING.
- E. OSC COORDINATED SITE ACTIVITIES WITH BUCKS COUNTY EMA.
- F. DUE TO SITE ACCESSABILITY, OSC HAS INITIATED NON-WORKING HOUR SECURITY GUARD (BURNS SECURITY).

#### III. FUTURE PLANS

- A. ERCS TO CONTINUE STAGING OF DRUMS.
- B. TAT TO CONTINUE PERIMETER AIR MONITORING TO ASSURE COMMUNITY SAFETY.
- C. USCG/AST TO CONTINUE CONTRACTOR AND SITE SAFETY MONITORING.
- D. OSC TO CONTINUE TO UPDATE OFFICE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS CONCERNING SITE ACTIVITIES.